IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

ROYCE GOODSON,	§
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Plaintiff,	§
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V.	§ CIVIL ACTION
	§
CITY OF MONTGOMERY,	§
WILLIAM J. KOTLAN, AND	§
JOHN FOX	§
	§
Defendants.	§

EXHIBIT A: INDEX OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Citation served on Defendant City of Montgomery;
- 2. Citation served on William J. Kotlan;
- 3. Citation served on John Fox;
- 4. Plaintiff's Original Petition;
- 5. No Docket Control Order issued; and
- 6. Civil Case Information Sheet.

Respectfully Submitted:

OLSON & OLSON, L.L.P.

By: /s/Brian J. Begle

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101 OLD PLANTERSVILLE RD MONTGOMERY, TX 77356

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> Royce Goodson's Original Petition, Jury Demand, and Request for Disclosure

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To the Honorable District Judge:

Royce Goodson,

and John Fox,

versus

Plaintiff,

Defendants

Royce Goodson, Plaintiff, complaining of City of Montgomery, Bill Kotlan, and John Fox, Defendants, files this Original Petition, Jury Demand, and Request for Disclosure:

Introduction

Defendants violated Police Chief Royce Goodson's ("Chief Goodson") rights to 1. procedural and substantive due process under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution made applicable to the States (and subdivisions thereof) under intends to conduct discovery pursuant to Level 2 of Rule 190.

Parties and Venue

Plaintiff Royce Goodson is a natural person who resides in Montgomery County,

Texas.

- 2. Texas.
- Defendant City of Montgomery is a subdivision of the State of Texas, which a 3.

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- process server may serve with citation by serving the mayor, John Fox, at 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery, Montgomery County, Texas 77356.
- Defendant William J. Kotlan is a natural person whom a process server may serve
 with citation at his home at 8 Lake Forest Drive, Conroe, Montgomery County,
 Texas 77384.
- Defendant John Fox is a natural person whom a process server may serve with citation at his place of business at 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery, Montgomery County, Texas 77356.
- 6. Venue is proper in Montgomery County, Texas, because (I) Montgomery County is the county in which all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, (ii) Montgomery County is the county of Defendants' residence; (iii) Montgomery County is the county of Plaintiff's residence; and (iv) Montgomery County is the county in which the City of Montgomery is located, so that venue is proper under the general venue statute of section 15.002 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and under section 15.0151(a)(second sentence) of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

Facts

7. The City of Montgomery, Texas (the "City") brought Royce Goodson ("Chief Goodson"), an accomplished law enforcement officer, into the position of Chief of Police in order to clean up the City's Police Department that had suffered from years of corruption, dirty politics, self-dealing, and in-fighting.

- 8. After Chief Goodson successfully cleaned up the Police Department, Defendants terminated Chief Goodson as Chief of Police of City of Montgomery solely because Chief Goodson refused to commit criminal acts that City Administrator Bill Kotlan and Mayor John Fox insisted that Chief Goodson commit. Defendants insisted that Chief Goodson discipline one of the City's Police Officers because she had performed her law enforcement function zealously and that Chief Goodson discipline another one of the City's Police Officers because he had prepared a law enforcement report in the manner which his job duties required. If Chief Goodson had taken the actions which the City Administrator and the Mayor had insisted that he take, Chief Goodson would have prevented or delayed the service of those Police Officers as public servants in violation of Section 36.06(1) and 36.06(2) of the Texas Penal Code, obstruction of justice, which is a third-degree felony in the State of Texas.
- 9. Both Defendants Bill Kotlan and John Fox met with Chief Goodson and made clear to him that Chief Goodson's job performance was excellent but they asked Chief Goodson to resign on May 21, 2013. When Chief Goodson refused to resign, Defendants Bill Kotlan and John Fox suspended the employment of Chief Goodson until further action at the scheduled May 28, 2013, City Council meeting.
- At and before the May 28, 2013, City Council meeting, Defendants violated the
 Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in at least

three respects. First, Defendants Bill Kotlan and John Fox had lobbied to terminate and replace Chief Goodson well before that meeting. Long before that meeting, one of the senior Police Officers of the City informed Chief Goodson that Defendants had informed him that Joe Napolitano would replace Chief Goodson as Chief of Police. In fact, at the City Council meeting subsequent to the May 28, 2013, City Council meeting, the City appointed Joe Napolitano as the City's Chief of Police. Second, Defendants had created a list of complaints that they claimed they had about Chief Goodson. They were unable to substantiate any of those complaints factually and had clearly discussed those matters with members of the City Council prior to the May 28 City Council meeting. Third, Chief Goodson demanded - in writing and verbally - that the City Council act on his employment status in an open meeting rather than behind closed doors as is his right under Section 551.074(b) of the Texas Government Code. Despite Chief Goodson's written and verbal demands, the City Council proceeded to conduct a closed-door meeting - without Goodson - regarding Goodson's employment and then obstructed Chief Goodson's attempt to discuss his employment status before the open City Council meeting. After very brief discussion in the open meeting, the City Council proceeded to terminate Chief Goodson as an employee of the City.

11. After terminating Chief Goodson in a City Council meeting where Defendants violated the Texas Open Meeting Act in at least three major respects, Defendants

proceeded to engage in the criminal acts, which Chief Goodson had refused to commit. Chief Goodson appealed the adverse employment decision in accordance with the City's written policies. The City refused to follow its own procedures in considering the appeal and baldly refused even to consider the appeal.

12. Chief Goodson has suffered actual damages in the form of lost back and future wages and damage to his reputation in amounts far in excess of this Court's minimum jurisdictional amount.

Count One

Cause of Action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983

- 14. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 12 herein as though set forth at length.
- Defendants committed their wrongful acts under color of state law. Defendants misused their power under color of state law. Specifically, City Administrator Bill Kotlan and Mayor John Fox sought to commit criminal acts and insisted that Chief Goodson commit those criminal acts for him. Chief Goodson refused.

 Defendants Bill Kotlan and Mayor John Fox, therefore, pursued their personal objectives and misused their power to terminate Chief Goodson without procedural or substantive due process.
- 16. Defendants' wrongful conduct deprived Chief Goodson of his rights, privileges, or immunities, which the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the United States secure, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Defendants' actions have deprived Plaintiff of his procedural and substantive due process rights in violation

- of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
- 17. Plaintiff seeks actual damages in excess of this Court's minimum jurisdictional amount, including, without limitation, lost (past and future) wages and damage to reputation.
- 18. Plaintiff's injury resulted from Defendants' reckless and callous indifference to and complete floccinaucinihilipilification of the protected rights of Plaintiff or done with an evil intent and with malice, so that Plaintiff is entitled to exemplary damages in excess of this Court's minimum jurisdictional amount.
- 19. Plaintiff is entitled to his reasonable and necessary attorney's fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C.A. § 1988(b) for trial and preparation and for appeals in amounts far in excess of this Court's minimum jurisdictional amount.

Request for Disclosure

To: Defendants City of Montgomery, Bill Kotlan, and John Fox.

Pursuant to Rule 194, you are requested to disclose, within 50 days of service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2.

Prayer

Royce Goodson, Plaintiff, prays that the Court cite Defendants City of Montgomery, Bill Kotlan, and John Fox, to appear and answer herein and, upon final hearing, award him:

- 1. Actual damages far in excess of this Court's minimum jurisdictional amount;
- Exemplary damages far in excess of this Court's minimum jurisdictional amount;
- 3. Prejudgment and postjudgment interest at the maximum lawful rate;

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- 4. Attorney fees as pled in above in paragraph 19, supra;
- 5. Costs of Court; and
- 6. Such other and further relief to which Royce Goodson may show himself entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jury Demand

Royce Goodson demands a jury of his peers and declares that he has paid all necessary jury fees.

Eric Wolfick

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Other: Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s): Royce Goodson ericyollick@swbell.net Eric Yollick Telephone: Address: Additional Parties in Child Support Case: P.O. Box 7571 281,363,3591 Custodial Parent: Defendant(s)/Respondent(s): City/State/Zip: City of Montgomery he Woodlands, TX 77387-7571 281.363.0488 Non-Custodial Parent: William J. Kotlan State Bar No: Signature: John Fox Presumed Father: 22160100 [Attach additional page as necessary to list all parties] 2. Indicate case type, or identify the most important issue in the case (silect only 1): Family Law Civil Authority (D) Marriage Relationship Reat Property Contract. Injury or Damage Eminent Domain/ Annulment Enforcement Assault/Battery Debt/Contract Modification—Custody Declare Marriage Void Consumer/DTPA Construction Condemnation Modification—Other Defamation ☐Partition Divorce Debt/Contract ■With Children Quiet Title Fraud/Misrepresentation Malpractice Trespass to Try Title No Children Enforcement/Modification Other Debt/Contract: Accounting Paternity
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